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Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member is aware that, by keeping this matter hanging for over eight years, it is likely that evidence will be manufactured against these people ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Many of these people have absconded."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether, giving them general amnesty and allowing them to return home after giving some security, it will be conducive to the happiness of several families and also of the public ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It would not be conducive to public peace."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask if the list is at any rate complete or if the list is being added to every day ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Certainly it is not being added to."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know on what basis the hon. the Law Member says that it would not be in the interests of public peace to release these people ? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because we get reports from the District Magistrate."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know when the list was last drawn up ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know when the last of these reports was received from the District Collector ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I think about one and a half months or two months ago."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether that list contains the name of an old woman of 80 years of age ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Can't say, Sir."

Emigration

Number of emigrants from this province.

* 1708 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of males and females who have emigrated to other countries from this province in each of the last twenty years and the number that have returned home during the same period ; and

(*b*) the total number from this province that are still in other countries, —how many in each country ?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware, 'Emigration' is a Central subject.

(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the annual reports on Emigration and Immigration which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

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Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether the Government will call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The suggestion will be considered."

Police

Alleged arrest of Mr. Venkatappayya on 17th February 1929.

*1709 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government intend taking any action against the Police officials who arrested and kept in custody Mr. Venkatappayya and others on 17th February 1929 ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Does the hon. the Home Member think that the action of the Police was justified ? "

The hon. the President :—" What the hon. Member thinks is an opinion."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know why Government do not intend taking any action against the Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Because nothing illegal was done—a view upheld by the Legislative Council by the failure of the adjournment motion."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether the Government will make enquiries in regard to the antecedents past and present of Mr. Venkatappayya ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" There is no necessity for Government to make any enquiries about antecedents."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether the Government have really taken into consideration the question whether the arrest is justifiable or not, and may I know whether the Government will investigate the matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The question has already been answered."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Is it true that on account of these arrests the Assistant Commissioner of Police has been transferred ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Not that I know of, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Mr. Venkatappayya, of the hon. Mr. V. Ramadoss Pantulu and others categorically denying the statement made by the hon. the Home Member on the floor of this House that they gave no such undertaking, and may I know whether the Government propose to take any action against the Police that arrested these people ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I still maintain the answer that I gave the other day."